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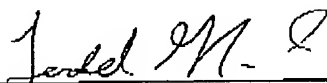
REMARKS

Applicants have been required to elect a single species for prosecution. Applicants hereby elect the species of claim 9, which is 2-amino-N-(2-(3a-(R)-benzyl-2-methyl-3-oxo-2,3,3a,4,6,7-hexahydro-pyrazolo-[4,3-c]pyridin-5yl)-1-(R)-benzyloxymethyl-2-oxo-ethyl)-isobutyramide. The claims that read on the elected species are claims 1-10 and 15-16.

Applicants believe that the claims pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The allowance of claims 1-10 and 15-16 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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